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REMARKS

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Tank Engine Workshop at Wurzen.

1. At the beginning of August 1953, the tank engine workshop at Wurzen was operated by about 200 Soviet soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and 230 German workers. With about 40 tank engines turned in at the shop for overhaul, the installation was occupied to capacity.¹

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Tank Repair Shop at Meissen.

2. In August and at the beginning of September 1953, the tank repair shop at Meissen repaired all kinds of tanks, selfpropelled guns, BA 64-armored scout cars, half-track vehicles, armored personnel carriers and M-72 motorcycles. Only some of the shipments of materiel in want of repair were turned in and dispatched by rail. A worker who had been employed at the shop a year ago stated, that an average of about 15 tanks was at the installation at a time. He however, knew nothing about the capacity of the installation.

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 3. Project Elbe. Tank Repair Shop at Neubrandenburg.

At the end of August 1953, reconstruction work on the large workshops of the former TVA Neubrandenburg was sped up by employment in several shifts of two 32-meter cranes. Leading personalities at the plant included Major Berndt, Senior Lieutenant Bruhn, Captain Weber and one Bruckner (Tech), the first names of whom were unknown.

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4. At the end of July and in August 1953, the former TVA at Neubrandenburg was referred to as Neubrandenburg repair shop. A worker told source that, since July 1953, about 10 tanks have been completely overhauled per month. The armored vehicles were old Russian tanks which were to be turned over to the Volkspolizei after overhaul.²

Tank Repair Shop at Kummersdorf.

5. At the beginning of August 1953, the tank repair shop at Kummersdorf was operated by about 1,200 troops. German workers were no longer employed there. Assault guns of various types, T-34 and JS tanks were repaired there. The vehicles and guns arrived by rail or road, with those arriving by road loaded on tank transport cars. The tank repair shop included a brick main building, tank garages, quartering buildings and about 15 wooden sheds, 30 to 120 meters long and 60 meters wide, which served as work shops.³

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6. The following is a list of rail shipments dispatched by the tank repair shop in Kummersdorf in August 1953:

25X1	Date in Shipment	From	To
	August	[redacted]	
25X1	3 and 15 4 carloads of tank spare parts	Kummersdorf	Wittenberg
	5 to 19 3 carloads of tank spare parts	"	Cottbus
	6 to 23 4 boxcars with tank spare parts	"	Meinsdorf
	8 to 17 5 boxcars with tank spare parts	"	Muellrose
	10 and 22 4 SSY-type cars with tanks with a total weight of 185 tons	"	Haldensleben
21	2 SSI-type car with tanks with a total weight of 100 tons	"	Peitz

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25X1 7. Fuel Depot at Kummersdorf. At the end of August 1953, [redacted] the fuel depot at Kummersdorf was located about 500 meters south-southwest of the Kummersdorf railroad station and was provided with organizational spur track. The depot was said to have nine underground, oval fuel containers each 4 meters high, 5 meters wide and 10 meters long.⁶

8. A location sketch of the supply installations in Kummersdorf was drawn in August 1953.

1. [redacted] Comment. The workshop is subordinate to the GOFG. Only tank engines were overhauled there.

2. [redacted] Comment. The shop is subordinate to the First Gds Mecz Army. The statements on capacity are given credence.

3. [redacted] Comment. Information on the construction of a KVP tank repair shop in the former torpedo test station, Neubrandenburg, has repeatedly been submitted. See sketch [redacted]. The information that the shop started operating in July 1953 corresponds to previous observations. The officers mentioned were reported for the first time, except Major Fernadt.

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. Two tank repair shops of the Third Gds Mecz Army [redacted] are located in this area, as is indicated by the personnel strength of 1,200 men.

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5. [] Comment. [] the railroad control office of the Third Gds Mecz Army. The receiving stations were posts of tank unit; or repair shops of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Compared with the previous month, the volumes of outgoing shipments have decreased. []

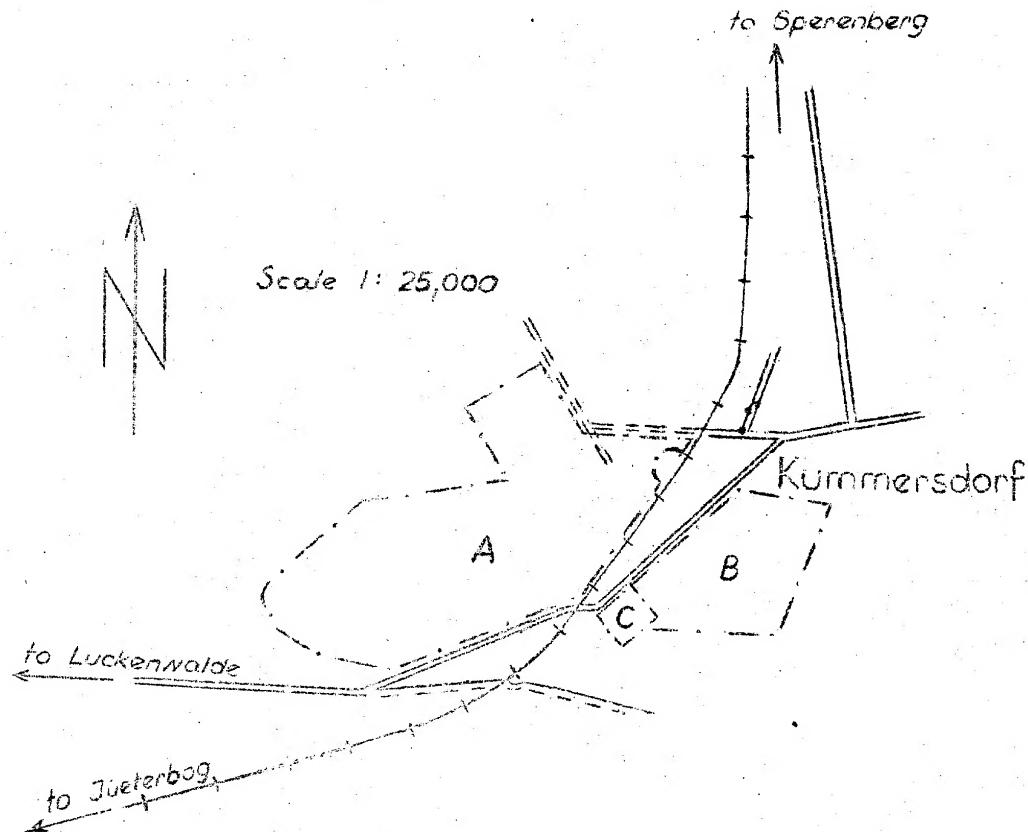
25X1 6. [] Comment. The fuel depot is subordinate to the Third Gds Mecz Army. The volume of incoming and outgoing shipments does not fluctuate. The statement that the depot has a capacity of about 1,500 cubic meters is correct and corresponds to previous reports.

25X1 7. [] Comment. For sketch on supply installations in Kunendersdorf, see Annex.

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Soviet Supply Installations of the Third Gds Lecz Army
in Kummersdorf



Legend:

- A Former Artillerie Kaserne, housing the motor transportation officer with the Headquarters of the Deputy Commander for Rear Services with the Third Gds Lecz Army and subordinate motor vehicle repair shop
- B Two tank repair shops of the Third Gds Lecz Army
- C Fuel depot of the Third Gds Lecz Army with nine underground containers of a capacity of about 160 cubic meters each

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